

### The Council Race

Once again, a near record field of candidates have entered their names for consideration of the voters at the April 12 municipal elections here. Sixteen candidates, including the three incumbents, are seeking election to the three council seats which will be at stake in the election.

The list of candidates, although it may be considered bulky by some, shows a diversity of interest which is encouraging for the voters of the city. Included among the candidates are attorneys, businessmen, professional men, a school teacher, industrial workers, real estate salesmen, and craftsmen.

The candidates should be advised that they are seeking an office which is designed to serve the entire community. Torrance is coming of age as an important West Coast city and it needs mature, dedicated leadership as much now as at any time in its nearly 40 years as a city.

Backgrounds of the candidates and statements of their stands on various phases of Torrance's development will be published by the HERALD before the date of the election. The decision will be with the voters at the polls.

### Opinions of Others

**BEEVILLE, (TEX.) BEE-PICAYUNE:** "The fate of our nation rests upon you and the people you influence. If you want to make a quick buck above all else, if you would trade security for freedom, if you have lost the moral fibre of your ancestors, our nation is in grave danger. For in a free world you do your choosing as to leaders, but they cannot put meaning or purpose or moral standards into your lives. That is up to you. The fate of the world is within each of us."

### Law in Action

#### Safety Measures

You can prevent legal trouble easier than you can get out of it once you are in.

Most wage earning, child-rearing, home-buying, tax-paying, installment buying people see little need for a family lawyer. Yet he could come in handy if you knew when to see him.

Often under prodding such a family may get a lawyer to write a will; but most people wait for trouble to strike before they think of a lawyer. That's how it used to be with doctors. Now people get check-ups before they are sick.

So when do you see a lawyer? Can you spot the symptoms of legal trouble?

Yes, you can. Check with your family lawyer when:

1. Your status changes: Upon coming of age, marriage, the birth of your children, buying a house, divorce, or death in the family. For at these times you may need to draft or revise your will, change your insurance, straighten out your property rights, or refigure your taxes.
2. You buy or sell. Look out for flaws in the papers BEFORE you go into debt, part with money, or sign anything involving big money or long term debts. So far as you can, make sure, too, that you don't bite off more than you can chew.
3. You enter into contracts. Promises—spoken, written, or implied—bind you if they call

for a "consideration," something of value in return. Make sure that you haven't by word or deed offered or accepted such promises before you know what you are getting into.

4. Someone threatens your rights. The law exists to defend them, but with some if you don't invoke them yourself, they lie dormant.

When you can, bring your lawyer "live" facts (e.g. unsigned contracts... vexing, unfiled tax returns, unmailed letters, etc.) He can help you with much more and at smaller cost than when you bring him the "cold" facts (mistakes you have made which now threaten trouble).

But above all, get both live and cold facts to your lawyer at once. For time may run out. (A debt, for example, may be outlawed). Your lawyer may be able to help you today, but not so much tomorrow.

Tell your lawyer what you want. Tell him all the facts, good or bad, and then keep him informed at each step. He cannot help much unless he knows all the facts.

Once you have a family lawyer who is already familiar with your needs, he can act swiftly and wisely in your behalf if trouble strikes.

And it isn't so likely to strike if he has been at your elbow when you have to take legal risks.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	1-Animal	5-Furrier	9-Strike
2-Skeleton	6-Vehicles	10-Strike	10-Strike
3-Ma's name	7-Beast of burden	11-Large bird	11-Large bird
4-Temporary	8-Dallium tremula (fabr.)	12-Spanish article	12-Spanish article
10-Land measure	9-Rumor	13-Window ledge	13-Window ledge
11-Clothes-makers	10-Prepares for print	14-Washing (abbr.)	14-Washing (abbr.)
12-1418	11-Crowns	15-Strike	15-Strike
13-Pattered cloth	12-Falshoods	16-Large bird	16-Large bird
14-Shore birds	13-Intercite	17-Spanish article	17-Spanish article
15-Dacey	14-Reconstruct	18-Senior (abbr.)	18-Senior (abbr.)
16-Supercilious person	15-Entices	19-Senior (abbr.)	19-Senior (abbr.)
17-Communist	16-Encountered	20-Dance step	20-Dance step
18-Possessive pronoun	17-Prohibit	21-Contemptible (slang)	21-Contemptible (slang)
19-Stage plays	18-Contemptible (slang)	22-Footwear	22-Footwear
20-Time zone by	19-Footwear	23-Lobster's claw	23-Lobster's claw
21-Swift	20-Strike	24-Pieces	24-Pieces
22-Catcher's glove	21-Strike	25-Hurt	25-Hurt
23-City in Massachusetts	22-Strike	26-Window ledge	26-Window ledge
24-Oceans	23-Strike	27-Washing (abbr.)	27-Washing (abbr.)
25-Rocky hill	24-Strike	28-Senior (abbr.)	28-Senior (abbr.)
26-Goddess of discord	25-Strike	29-Senior (abbr.)	29-Senior (abbr.)
27-Sunburn	26-Strike	30-Senior (abbr.)	30-Senior (abbr.)
28-Strumpet	27-Strike	31-Senior (abbr.)	31-Senior (abbr.)
29-Strumpet	28-Strike	32-Senior (abbr.)	32-Senior (abbr.)
30-Strumpet	29-Strike	33-Senior (abbr.)	33-Senior (abbr.)
31-Strumpet	30-Strike	34-Senior (abbr.)	34-Senior (abbr.)
32-Strumpet	31-Strike	35-Senior (abbr.)	35-Senior (abbr.)
33-Strumpet	32-Strike	36-Senior (abbr.)	36-Senior (abbr.)
34-Strumpet	33-Strike	37-Senior (abbr.)	37-Senior (abbr.)
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37-Strumpet	36-Strike	40-Senior (abbr.)	40-Senior (abbr.)
38-Strumpet	37-Strike	41-Senior (abbr.)	41-Senior (abbr.)
39-Strumpet	38-Strike	42-Senior (abbr.)	42-Senior (abbr.)
40-Strumpet	39-Strike	43-Senior (abbr.)	43-Senior (abbr.)
41-Strumpet	40-Strike	44-Senior (abbr.)	44-Senior (abbr.)
42-Strumpet	41-Strike	45-Senior (abbr.)	45-Senior (abbr.)
43-Strumpet	42-Strike	46-Senior (abbr.)	46-Senior (abbr.)
44-Strumpet	43-Strike	47-Senior (abbr.)	47-Senior (abbr.)
45-Strumpet	44-Strike	48-Senior (abbr.)	48-Senior (abbr.)
46-Strumpet	45-Strike	49-Senior (abbr.)	49-Senior (abbr.)
47-Strumpet	46-Strike	50-Senior (abbr.)	50-Senior (abbr.)

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## Nuclear Fallout Not as Bad as Painted—Chapel

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District

Although the regulation of nuclear energy, sometimes called atomic energy, is primarily the function of the United States and secondarily a responsibility of the State of California, we do have an office for the co-ordination of information about nuclear energy which is the result of a bill I introduced in 1957 and which became a law in 1959.

Also, my bill regulating the transportation of radioactive substances became a law in 1959. In addition, we receive requests to pass resolutions telling the Congress of the United States what to do about nuclear energy legislation.

Personally, I think that the U.S. Congress resents instructions from any State Legislature, but the subject comes up so often that I find it necessary to answer questions about it.

Genetics is that branch of biology which deals with heredity, the transmission of physical and psychological characteristics from parents to children, and also the variation among related organisms, principally in their own evolutionary phases.

Assuming that fallout from atomic bombs is much less dangerous to man than the exposure to radiation, there still remains the question of the effect of fallout radiation on heredity, which we can refer to as the genetic hazards of radiation.

A child inherits chromosomes from his parents. A chromosome consists of small particles called genes, which are the actual carriers of hereditary characteristics. A gene may undergo mutation, which in overly simplified terms means that the gene may change, but a random, chance change may change the gene so radically that an offspring has characteristics entirely unsuited to his physical and mental environment.

In other words, the offspring may be regarded as a freak in his own community and at the time he appears in history, but the same offspring might be regarded as a genius in another neighborhood and at another time. Therefore, biologists who specialize in genetics regard chance mutations as undesirable because they produce characteristics not in harmony with the environment.

mutations in the human species can produce an Albert Einstein or an idiot, but these are partly the result of natural selection and partly the result of the natural plan of evolution.

Radiation from atomic explosions in peacetime testing increases the possibility of mutations in man by an extremely small amount. Cesium-137 radiations absorbed by the body or dropped on the ground cause the human reproductive cells to absorb not more than 0.002 roentgen each year, which means that in one generation a human being absorbs not more than 0.05 roentgen.

During the same period of time, radiation from beta, gamma and cosmic rays cause the reproductive organs of a human being to absorb 5 roentgens. In other words, rays from outer space, rays from our rivers, our rocks, and our homes account of these 5 roentgens.

Peacetime atomic explosions increase the number of mutations by only about 0.1 per cent. This is far less than the strong showers of cosmic rays which have bombarded the people of Tibet for thousands of years in comparison with the exposure of people at sea level.

Since neither the people of Tibet nor their animals have experienced any genetic variations that can be measured, it is logical to conclude that the peacetime testing of nuclear weapons does not create genetic hazards.

### Income Tax Tips

## Many Auto Expenses Can Be Deducted From Taxes

(This is the ninth of a series of articles on Federal and California income tax filing. This information has been provided by the Committee on Taxation of The California Society of Certified Public Accountants in cooperation with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.)

Although the millions of Californians who drive their cars for personal reasons are not permitted to deduct their automobile expenses, as such, on their tax returns, there are some expenses connected with the operation of an automobile which may be deducted.

These include certain taxes, interest, casualty losses, and auto expenses in connection with medical treatment and charitable organizations.

Sales and use taxes paid upon the purchase of an automobile are fully deductible, as are the annual license fee paid to the State. If a car was purchased during the year, be sure to note the license fee which the automobile dealer probably charged you. Although federal taxes on gasoline are not deductible, any gasoline tax assessed by a State is deductible — in California the State tax is 6 cents per gallon. The number of gallons purchased preferably should be obtained from sales tickets, but may be approximated based on miles driven.

Interest paid on automobile loans is fully deductible, whether the loan represents the balance of the purchase price or money borrowed with the car being pledged as security. If the charge is not called "interest" but is designated as a "carrying charge," "time price differential," or some other such term, then your deduction is limited to an amount equal to 6% per annum based on the average unpaid balance of the loan.

Damage to your car, due to accident, is deductible to the extent that you are not reimbursed by insurance or otherwise.

The measure of loss is the difference in car market value of the car immediately before and immediately after the accident; however, the cost of repairing any damage is commonly accepted as the amount of the loss.

For example: If your car is damaged in an accident and it costs \$150 to repair it, you may deduct the \$150 as a casualty loss; however, if you have collision insurance with a "\$50 deductible" clause your deduction would be limited to the \$50 which you had to pay yourself.

If, as the result of an accident, you have damaged someone else's property and must pay for it, the cost of repairing the other person's property is a personal expense and is NOT deductible.

The same rules, as to the deductibility of a loss, apply to losses arising from theft, fire or other casualty. The fact that you yourself were responsible for the accident will not cause you to lose the

A lady in Redondo Beach wrote: "Please explain what is meant by 'clean' atomic bombs."

My reply is that when scientists speak of "clean" atomic weapons, they mean bombs having the smallest amount of contamination." In other words, a "clean" atomic bomb is designed and constructed for strictly military objectives so that an enemy target (aircraft missile, rocket, surface vessel, submarine, etc.) can be destroyed with the least possible exposure of non-combatants to radioactivity.

A man in Westchester has asked me to briefly discuss the genetic hazards of radiation.

## Cool Breezes Chilling Some Optimistic Seers

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

The ardor of the many business observers who have been predicting boom conditions in the first half of 1960 may soon be a bit dampened by chilling breezes from one corner of the economy. The specific bad news: retail sales are failing to match the speedy pace plotted for them.

People are buying things, but not as fast or in as great volume as businessmen had been expecting. Cars constitute one soft spot. While auto makers and dealers aren't talking in detailed figures for January, their mood generally is one of disappointment. Production for the month had anticipated very brisk sales.

Store owners in rural areas say many types of purchases are edging downward, though the setback is noticeable in appliances and other deferrable items, such as furniture. Farm families reportedly are cautious about such major purchases in the light of farm prices they receive. As measured by the government, prices received by farmers hit an all-time low in December.

ment and to reduce the testing time now required for such equipment. Minneapolis-Honeywell advises you that its proper technical name is an "advance reconnaissance systems dynamic analyzer."

Things to Come — Handy for the family car: a tire-inflating device that also can double as a fire extinguisher, thanks to the particular chemical inside its brass container... A recent development in aluminum production may bring closer the day when foods sold in aluminum cans, rather than the traditional "tin" can (which actually is made of steel)... A dentrific company is introducing a new powdered mouthwash you can take with you; it's packaged in compact "throwaway" paper cups.

Golden Goose Gored — The U.S. distilled spirits industry, often called the goose that lays the golden eggs of revenue, has come up with a plan to increase public revenue without raising taxes. The plan, outlined recently by Louis S. Rosenstiel, board chairman of Schenley Industries, Inc., calls for the earmarking of one per cent of Federal excise tax revenues from alcoholic beverages to finance enforcement of "anti-moonshine" laws.

Tax evasion by moonshiners is conservatively estimated by the alcoholic beverage industry at \$750 million a year. Although enforcement agents have seized an average of 20,000 illicit stills annually

since 1950, the moonshine racket continues to expand—producing millions in profits for criminals who use it to finance other shady activities. Stringent enforcement of "anti-moonshine" laws would bring about an increase in consumption of tax-paid liquor and thereby increase public revenues without new taxation.

Plenty of Paper — Paper finds end uses in more different ways than perhaps any raw material we know — calendars, kitchen towels and shopping bags, to name only a few.

And the nation's paper industry is currently predicting a record year; some industry leaders expect total output of 36 million tons. They also have good news for consumers: rugged competition, which dominates in much of the industry these days, means little likelihood of price hikes.

Bits 'n' Business — More new businesses than ever before — 193,078 — were started in 1959, topping 1958's 150,781 figure by a wide margin... Recently demonstrated as a new advertising tool is a "skyjector," a gun-like device that projects giant advertising pictures on clouds, sides of large buildings and the like; its light equals 92-million candlepower... Although steel demand and output are continuing near January's peak levels, observers now predict the pace will ease somewhat in the second quarter.

## From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

**Bigger Than Hate**  
Editor, Torrance Herald

In the face of statements recently made to representatives of the Lomita Civic League that unless annexations were stopped in the northern part of Lomita, steps would be taken toward incorporation of a tiny town of Lomita.

"During my 24 years in the Senate I have seen many an aid program start at the size of a mouse and rapidly grow to the proportions of an elephant."—Harry F. Byrd.

"Taxes are going up so fast that Government is likely to price itself right out of the market."—Dan Bennett.

"Basic research is when I am doing what I don't know what I'm doing."—Dr. Werner von Braun.

"The only way women could have equal rights nowadays would be to surrender some."—Burton Hills.

America's downtrodden class is composed of people who don't have remote controls for the color TV sets."—Terry McCormick.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 22 - APR. 20	3-6 B-34 46-75-85-90	TAURUS APR. 21 - MAY 21	1-20 21-29-44 47-72-73	GEMINI MAY 22 - JUN 21	7-22 23-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81-90	CANCER JUN 22 - JUL 21	11-21 22-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81-90	LEO JUL 22 - AUG 21	3-7 8-16 17-25 26-34 35-43 44-52 53-61 62-70 71-79 80-88 89-97	VIRGO AUG 22 - SEP 21	2-9-28-31 32-41-50	LIBRA SEP. 22 - OCT. 21	1-16-19-36 40-48-81-82	SCORPIO OCT. 22 - NOV. 21	6-15-23-26 27-35 36-44 45-53 54-62 63-71 72-80 81-89 90-98	SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 - DEC. 21	1-11-18-38 42-50-55	CAPRICORN DEC. 22 - JAN. 21	5-33-39-58 61-64-67	AQUARIUS JAN. 22 - FEB. 21	4-7-10-35 37-41-74	PISCES FEB. 22 - MAR. 21	4-7-10-35 37-41-74
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